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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Requested Reevaluation of State Department Cable #371
from Bremen, Germany (dated 23 November 1949)

1. A re-examination of this cable has not brought to light anything which would warrant alteration of the evaluation made of this cable on 29 November 1949. At that time CIA believed that:

- (a) No such concentration of Soviet troops existed in the stated area.
- (b) Thuringia was not "full of Hungarians."
- (c) The USSR used Mongolian troops in the Nazi sense of "storm trooper" as political police for repressive measures, and not as assault troops.
- (d) The Soviet officials were under no illusions as to the reliability of their German assistants and would not disclose to them actual Soviet intentions.
- (e) The report was designed for German consumption as "sour" propaganda.
- (f) There was no evidence to indicate impending Soviet military action in the area of eastern Germany.
- (g) The USSR did not contemplate an attack on Western Europe in the spring of 1950.

2. While recent reports indicate the reactivation of the missile base at Peenemuende and some missile development activity in Thuringia, the rocket performance figures given in the cable appear to be exaggerated.

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3. Concerning the possibility that this cable may indicate a leak in US Top Secret war plans, CIA has been assured by the Joint Intelligence Group of the Joint Staff that the wording does not indicate any leak in the plans of the Joint Chiefs of Staff or those of US forces in Europe. The Joint Intelligence Group suggests that the statements in the cable appear to be a logical Soviet estimate of US intentions, a view in which CIA concurs.

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